

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SOLDIERS KILLED IN ATTACK BY PAKISTAN
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is frequent firing by Pakistan on International Border and LOC;
- (b) the names of the places and number of skirmishes taken place since June 1, 2002;
- (c) the number of casualties of Indian soldiers in the attacks by Pakistan Army and Terrorists since June 1, 2002;
- (d) the compensations paid to each of the dependent of deceased soldiers; and
- (e) the number of enemy soldiers and terrorists killed by the Indian Forces during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) & (b); Frequent exchange of firing along the Line of Control and the International Border is a regular phenomenon. This had intensified during June/July after the Kaluchak incident, but has reduced since August 2002. Firing has been more pronounced in the Siachen, Kargil, Dras, Punch, Rajouri and Jammu Sectors of Jammu & Kashmir over the last five months.
- (c) As per the latest records of Army Head Quarters, from June 1, 2002 to November 13, 2002, 163 Indian soldiers have been killed in the attacks by Pakistan Army and terrorists.
- (d) Compensation is paid to the next of the kin as per a comprehensive welfare package.
- (e) From 1st June to 17th November 2002, Indian Army has killed 488 Pakistan soldiers and 72 terrorists.